(f) the steps taken by the Government to check these losses ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (f). DESU has estimated its Transmission & Distribution losses during 1991–92 at 19.5%. It is not possible to segregate the technical losses and commercial losses (including theft of electricity). Theft of energy has been made a cognizable offence under Indian Electricity Act, 1910. DESU has already intensified its drive against theft/misuse of electricity. During the period April–December, 1991, DESU has checked 36957 cases and detected 22783 cases of theft of energy. 541 FIRs were lodged with the police for prosecution.

Telephone Exchanges in Himachal Pradesh

4168. PROF. PRM DHUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the locations of new telephone exchanges set up in Himachal Predesh during 1991–92; district-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up more telephone exchanges in the state during 1992–93; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, district-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) A Statement is attached at Annexure.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A tentative list of 22 new telephone exchanges proposed for installation in Himachal Pradesh during 1992–93 subject to the approval of plans and availability of equipment and other resources has been drawn up. The district-wise details and locations are furnished in the statement attached at Statement.

STATEMENT

Part (a): Districtwise number of new telephone exchanges set up in Himachal Pradesh during 1991-92 (upto 29.2.92) and their locations

Sl. No.	*Name of District*	*Number of new Telephone Exchanges*	*Locations*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*
1.	Bilaspur	1	Makra-Karloti
2.	Chamba	1	Khajiar
3.	Hamirpur	1	Tal
4.	Kullu	1	Hurla
5.	Mandi	2	Chandesh and Thaltikhod
6.	Shimla	4	Durgapur, Beolia, Bharanu, Shimla Electronic Exchanges.
7.	Sirmour	2	Shergaon, Parara
8.	Solan	3	Diggal, Dharot, Bhumti
9.	Una	1	Nangal Jaryala

Part (c). Tentative list of exachanges proposed for installation during 1992-93.

Sl. No.	*Name of District*	*Number of Telephone Exchanges*	*Locations*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*
1.	Hamirpur	3	Kashmir, Rail & Kuthera
2.	Kangra	4	Logroo, Kaswakotala, Alampur and Badhukhar
3.	Kullu	1	Chhani Khod
4.	Mandi	4	Jarol, Randhara, Chandial and Bhaderwar
5.	Shimla	4	Bhatwari, Lower Koti, Mandhol and Sainj
6.	Sirmaur	1	Brahma-Papri
7.	Solan	5	Balera, Kuftoo Manjhu, Sai and Dadota